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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON DEALING WITH REFERENCES TO CERDS

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY DISCUSSED WITH BELGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT RECURRING PROBLEM OF DEALING WITH REFERENCES TO CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS) AND NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) IN A WIDE VARIETY OF UN FORUMS. WE RAISED WITH DEDOBBELEER, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND STUYCK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN FONOFF, NEW APPROACHES REGARDING THESE ISSUES

SUGGESTED REFTEL. THEY WERE SYMPATHETIC IN PRINCIPLE TO U.S. DEMARCHE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRELIMINARY REACTION FROM DEDOBBELEER, WAS SYMPATHY FOR OUR CONCERNS WHICH HE SHARES. ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, HE SAID MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD WANT TO LOOK AT THESE CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS THEM NOT ONLY IN THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF FONOFF, BUT AT A POLITICAL LEVEL AS WELL, SINCE THE ISSUE WAS HIGHLY SENSITIVE IN BOTH AREAS.

2. DEDOBBELEET THOUGHT PERSONALLY THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT ANY INITIATIVES TAKEN BY WESTERN COUNTRIES BE ACCOMPANIED BY CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS WHICH COULD ATTRACT MODERATELY-INCLINED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE WAS INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHICH COUNTRIES WE WERE APPROACHING WITH OUR PRESENT THINKING AND WHETHER WE WERE MAKING ONLY BILATERAL APPROACHES OR LOOKING TO EVENTUAL DISCUSSION IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS. IN PARTICULAR, HE URGED THAT U.S. CONSIDER PUTTING ITS IDEAS IN THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP FOR DISCUSSION AND COORDINATION.

3. ON SUBSTANCE OF U.S. PROPOSALS, DEDOBBELEER SAID HE WELCOMED OUR IDEAS IN PRINCIPLE, BUT HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE A UNIFIED WESTERN APPROACH WITHOUT GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF CONFRONTATION. A UNIFIED NON-CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH, WHICH IS WHAT BELGIUM FAVORS, WOULD TAKE TIME AND SKILL TO DEVELOP. IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITION, CONTINUING IN THIS FRAMEWORK, HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT ALSO BE UNDERSIRABLE TO HAVE A SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE EXPLAIN THE APPROACH OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND HE QUESTIONED THE IDEA OF MAKING A JOINT STATEMENT. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THESE WERE QUESTIONS OF TACTICS WHICH COULD BE ADDRESSED IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE WESTERN COUNTRIES. HE WELCOMED OUR INITIATIVE IN BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO THE ATTENTION OF KEY WESTERN

COUNTRIES AND SAID HE WOULD BE DISCUSSIN THESE IDEAS
FURTHER WITH THE EMBASSY WHEN HE HAD OBTAINED MORE CON-
SIDERED VIEWS ON THE ENTIRE SUBJECT FROM HIS MINISTRY.
DEDOBBELEER TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR STAFFING OUT OUR
APPROACH WITHIN THE MINISTRY AND GETTING RESPONSE BACK
TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY ENCOURGAED FULL CONSIDERATION SUGGESTED
BY DEDOBBELEER WITHIN BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND URGED THE
BELGIANS TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS
IN AREAS WHERE THEY DIVERGED FROM U.S. THINKING. WE
ALSO PROMISED TO CONVEY BELGIAN INTEREST IN TAKING UP
THIS ISSUE IN THE OECD TO THE DEPARTMENT AND U.S. MISSION
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